



## Press Release

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## MUSD's Seamless Summer Food Service Program Offers Meals to Students in the Community

**MONTEBELLO** – Until July 29, The Montebello Unified School District will provide free meals through the Seamless Summer Food Service Program for local children who are 1 to 18 years old. The program is designed to continue providing nutritious meals when school is not in session.

"This program is vital in providing assistance to families who may struggle financially," Montebello Unified President Benjamin Cardenas said. "We hope our community's students who qualify take advantage of this program throughout the summer."

Childhood food insecurity remains at unacceptable levels across the country and children are mostly acutely at risk in the summer months when they do not have access to school meals.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) operates summer meal programs to address this problem. Through MUSD's participation, the program is helping to ensure that those same children don't go hungry during the summer.

The Seamless Summer Option combines features of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and Summer Food Service Program. This option reduces paperwork and administrative burden to make it easier for schools to feed children from low-income areas during the traditional summer vacation periods.

"As educators, it is our goal to ensure our students maintain good health with the aid of proper nutrition," Superintendent of Schools Susanna Contreras Smith said. "Thanks to our Nutrition Services Department and the USDA, this offer is available to our community's children."

For more information on this program or its serving times, please call the MUSD Nutrition Services Department at 323-887-7978, or visit our website [www.montebello.k12.ca.us/nutrition](http://www.montebello.k12.ca.us/nutrition).

Dates, locations and serving sites for lunch are as follows:

**June 20 - July 15, 2016**

Bell Gardens High School  
6119 Agra Street  
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

Montebello High School  
2100 W. Cleveland Avenue  
Montebello, CA 90640

Schurr High School  
820 Wilcox Avenue  
Montebello, CA 90640

Applied Technology Center  
1200 Mines Avenue  
Montebello, CA 90640

Vail High School  
1230 S. Vail Avenue  
Montebello, CA 90640

\*Greenwood Elementary School  
900 S. Greenwood Avenue  
Montebello, CA 90640

\*Rosewood Park School  
2352 S. Commerce Way  
Commerce, CA 90040

**June 20 - July 29, 2016**

\*Bell Gardens Intermediate School  
5841 Live Oak Street  
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

\*Eastmont Intermediate School  
400 S. Bradshaw Avenue  
Montebello, CA 90640

\*Montebello Intermediate School  
1600 Whittier Boulevard  
Montebello, CA 90640

**July 5 - July 29, 2016**

La Merced Intermediate School  
215 E. Avenida de La Merced  
Montebello, CA 90640

Macy Intermediate School  
2101 Lupine Avenue  
Monterey Park, CA 91755

Suva Intermediate School  
6660 E. Suva Street  
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

\*Breakfast is also available at these sites. Check our website for serving schedules.

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